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FOREWORD

In recent years the armed forces of the Communist countries of Eastern Europe have been modernized at a greatly increased rate and have been assigned a more important role in the military deployment and plans of the Soviet Bloc. Although the Eastern European countries have increased their military production and training of forces, the main aspect of the recent buildup is the acquisition of modern Soviet weapons, such as surface-to-air and tactical missiles, and new-generation fighter aircraft. Information on the types and numbers of major Soviet equipment in Eastern Europe is very incomplete, however, and the timing of shipments is uncertain. No systematic attempt has been made to estimate Soviet exports of minor equipment. There is, therefore, a need for aggregative estimates of weapons shipments.

The main purpose of this research aid is to calculate the aggregate values of and trends in Soviet exports of weapons to the Eastern European Communist countries ███████████████████ The results should be treated as tentative estimates, subject to further testing.

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